

As a Tri-C graduate and the Representative for Ohio's Eleventh District, I deeply appreciate Dr. Johnson's extraordinary leadership, unparalleled vision, and lasting accomplishments. His legacy will only continue to grow through the countless students, teachers, and administrators he impacted.

On behalf of the people of Ohio's Eleventh Congressional District, I would like to thank Dr. Alex Johnson for his years of service as Tri-C's President and congratulate him on his retirement.

RECOGNIZING DR. RONALD A. PAUL

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2022*

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the thoughtful and visionary leadership of Dr. Ronald A. Paul, the outgoing President of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of Greater Washington. During the last two years of the pandemic, Ron's compassionate and energetic leadership enabled the JCRC to render essential service not just to the Jewish Community but to the broader community during an excruciatingly hard time for so many people. Dr. Paul has served the people of Montgomery County, Maryland and beyond with relentless energy and enormous distinction. I am proud to be his Congressman and his friend.

For decades, Dr. Paul has dedicated countless hours as a key member of numerous executive committees and boards of local and national non-profit organizations. He served as Chair of the United Jewish Endowment Fund, Chair of the Endowment for the Jewish Agency for Israel of North America and the boards of the Jewish Council for the Aging, and the Anti-Defamation League.

But these commitments are not even his full-time job. For over four decades, Dr. Paul has worked as a renowned obstetrician-gynecologist while serving our community in numerous volunteer and leadership roles. His comprehensive approach to health care and inspirational leadership are deserving of the highest recognition and praise. Ron has been named one of Washingtonian magazine's Top Doctors.

Additionally, Dr. Paul and his loving wife, Toni, have dedicated themselves to serving survivors of the Holocaust in our community, and I want to give special recognition to Toni for founding the local Café Europa, a nationwide social program for survivors that has grown around the world since it was founded two decades ago.

Holocaust remembrance and education have been near and dear to Ron during his term as JCRC President, along with community security, and education and public health advocacy. His dedication to Maryland's Jewish community serves as an example for us all of what it means to be an engaged American citizen. I hope that the House will join me in celebrating Dr. Paul's enduring contributions.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPRINGS LEARNING CENTER

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2022*

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, in a year which marks the 200th anniversary of the Dominican Sisters ministry in United States, the Dominican Sisters of Peace, who make their home in City of New Haven, are marking a special milestone—the 20th Anniversary of the Springs Learning Center. Over the course of the last two decades, the Center has become an invaluable resource to our community, and, in particular to the immigrants who have chosen to make the Greater New Haven area their home.

Education has always been a core component of the work of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Indeed, they have provided educational and pastoral services in New Haven since 1901 in elementary, secondary, and college programs. Recognizing the growing adult literacy and English as a Second Language needs in the community, the Dominican Sisters opened Springs Learning Center in 2002 to continue their educational mission in the Fair Haven area.

Since opening its doors just twenty years ago, the Springs Learning Center has helped over one thousand learners improve their English language skills—and all with the assistance of over one hundred volunteer tutors, come of whom have been with the Center since the very beginning. These dedicated tutors have opened new doors of opportunity to those they have served, helping them to boost their employment and business development prospects, enhance their contributions to the community, and assist them in their pursuit of citizenship.

As the child of an immigrant, I understand the challenges these families can face as they try to acclimate to a new community and a new country. My father, Ted DeLauro, came to this country as a child and when his teachers and fellow classmates made fun of him for not immediately understanding the English language, he left school. He was just in 7th grade at the time. He was self-taught but never forgot his struggles and he dedicated much of his time as an adult helping other Italian immigrants translate documents and to learn the language. I can remember the visible relief and gratitude of each person and family he helped—it is that same remarkable gift that the Dominican Sisters and the volunteers at the Springs Learning Center give to each immigrant who seeks their help.

It is an honor for me to rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to the Dominican Sisters of Peace and the many volunteers and supporters of the Springs Learning Center as they celebrate their 20th Anniversary. My heartfelt thanks for their invaluable service, and very best wishes for many more years of success.

RECOGNIZING THE ILLINI BLUFFS HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM AS IHSA CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2022*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Illini Bluffs High School Softball Team as Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Class 1A State Champions.

The Illini Bluffs Softball team is no stranger to excelling when it comes to competition. The team has continued the legacy of competing in and winning the Class 1A State Championship for the second year in a row. The team now has two titles in Class 1A and are only one of two teams to do so since 2010. They are also the only team to have had a no-hitter finish in a State Title game since 1999. As a former student athlete, I commend them for their hard work and dedication.

I am incredibly proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District and the student athletes of Illini Bluffs High School. Madam Speaker, I would like to formally congratulate Illini Bluffs again on winning the Illinois High School Association Class 1A State Championships for Softball.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2022*

Mr. McHENRY. Madam Speaker, due to a family emergency, I was unable to vote on June 13, 2022.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 256; YEA on Roll Call No. 257; and YEA on Roll Call No. 258.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHAPEL HAVEN SCHLEIFER CENTER

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2022*

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the residents, families, administration, and supporters of Chapel Haven Schleifer Center as they mark the 50th Anniversary of this very special organization.

In 1972 a group of parents who shared the challenges of caring for adult children with varying levels of social and developmental disabilities banded together to try to find a solution to a common goal. As the late Jerry Rossman, one of the Center's co-founders, once described, they wanted "a place where our kids could live and learn their independence and then go home." Since they could not find an existing program to meet their needs, the opened the Chapel Haven Schleifer Center as a private non-profit special needs agency. The Center was opened on Chapel Street in New Haven, Connecticut with 6 students, 2 staff, and a dog.